

Friends of Capenhurst Newsletter July 2019.

Meet the Team: Currently Friends of Capenhurst consists of Mrs Green, Jackie Henson, Nicky Oakley, Emma Broomfield, Tina Lowe, Mary Osborne and Jemma-Kay Baker.

What we have achieved: Past contributions from the Friends of Capenhurst include the climbing wall, school laptops and the interactive white boards. We regularly subsidise and occasionally completely pay for coach transport to and from school trips, most notably the coach to the pantomime each year. This year we also paid for the staff and adult tickets meaning that this did not need to be added onto the price of each child's ticket. Recently FOC contributed just over £130 to allow class 2 to go on the Dewa Experience plus helping towards transport of the infants Liverpool trip. We have also freed up the funding to allow the class three children to have clarinet lessons. Yearly FOC contributes to the year six leaver's disco including presents for the children. It is FOC that provides the funding towards the reward vouchers for children who have achieved green all year. The latest contribution has been a match funded grant to buy new school books for the school.

Our school is very fortunate to have a dedicated and passionate teaching team that has the development and welfare of our children at the forefront of everything they do. Without the support of FOC, however, they would be unable to provide many of the opportunities our children enjoy. These opportunities would either cease to exist or only be available at direct cost to us the parents.

This year's highlights: This year we have kept the old favourites such as the **BBQ** at the beginning of term, **Secret Santa** and the **Xmas fair** all of which have been a great success.

Some of the new ideas that made a storming entry last year we have kept up and they had just as much impact this year. The **Easter Dash** saw everyone from Grandma to the tiny tots hurtling round the field in search of chocolate treats and the coinage reached £255. The **Quiz night** was back and not without its normal controversy with some stimulating questions from Jackie Henson. We moved into the hall for **Bingo** this year and I think everyone will agree that it was much more comfortable.

Behind the scenes and running all year we have our **100 club**, giving out £35 once a month, and the new arrival the bonus ball. Our **Bonus Ball** competition follows the national lottery. The person owning the number drawn as the bonus ball wins half of the takings for that week (this year £18) if no one owns the number then there is a rollover with the prize reaching £54 at one point! Between them they raised nearly £1000.

We also repeated the **Facebook Auction** which was another resounding success with some new shiny prizes and plenty of bidders raising the excitement. We beat last year's total of £209 by coming in with a total of £232!

There was also the brand new event this year of a **Xmas shopping event** and we have been determinedly filling your children with as much sugar as we can with sales of sweets, chocolates and cakes coming in at £368.50 so far (there is more to come at the leavers disco).

It is worth noting that the Bonus Ball competition and the Facebook Auction were NOT our ideas as a group but donated from other parents. They have both been incredibly successful. If you have any ideas you think would work, or seeds of ideas we could toss around between us and polish up to work then please don't be shy; come along and let one of us know!

As I write this we still have the leavers disco and DVD sales to take into account. If they raise a similar amount to last year we will hit a total of approximately £2500. Again an amazing achievement for a school our size! Round of applause for the FoC, for the staff and parents who help us and most of all for everyone who comes along and joins in! **THANK YOU!**